CHRISTMAS CHIMES!

How they add to the Christmas spirit! "Silent Night, Holy Night"—"Adeste Fideles" —pealing out on crisp air that is richly laden with the memories of other Christmas seasons —of that One memorable Christmas-tide centuries ago. Each Christmas sees an ever increasing number of churches enjoying the benefits that come through the installation of Golden Voiced Tower Chimes.

A CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEED

Not only at Christmas time but at every other season of the year these Modern Tower Chimes confer incalculable benefits through reaching the strays and non-attendants—those whom the Church most of all wants to reach but who shun every ordinary invitation. When Chimes are installed there is invariably a noticeable spiritual awakening in the community—new faces are seen in the congregation; regular communicants display added zeal.

YELLOW STREAK, BLUE CORD, CRIMSON THREAD.

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INTRO. The Three-fold Text.

Lev. 13:30 If there be yellow thin hair it is leprosy!"
Num. 15:38 Put upon the fringe of each border of the garment a cord of blue.
From Gen. to Rev. the thread of Crimson.

I. The Yellow Streak. Leprosy of Sin. a yellow

1. A bitter experience to discover ~~[illegible]~~ streak in one's self.
   Peter's denial. X's face, remorse
   Yellow of Judas- suicide
   During war fellows in shell-holes.
   Boys who shot off own fingers to go to hospital.

2. Such need not to be scorned by us- they should be pitied. Their own self-consciousness of yellowness within themselves is punishment enough.

3. Degrees of yellowness.
   What would we do if we faced the firing line of modern warfare?
   We, in so many small ways, show yellowness.
   Cant serve because indisposed. Bad cold, etc.

4. Physician's treatment of jaundice- starve the patient. Starved souls. Yellow! Save your skin, save your comfort, save your money, save your life- and lose your soul!
   When the leper came to Jesus, ~~[illegible]~~ Christ touched the man and healed him. Jesus Christ can take the yellow out of any man.

II. The blue cord. "Speak unto the children of Israel and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments thruout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of each border a cord of blue." Thus spake Jehovah to Moses.
The knights of the Blue Cord. Those who are loyal to God. The faithful ones to all duties required of them.

1. When one refers to the yellow streaks in the Church, just bear in mind the Knights of the Blue Cord in every church.

II. 2. The prophet who complained to Jehovah that he was the only one left who remained loyal, true blue. God immediately raised up 7000 who were loyal toHim.

2. Paganini's violin left to City of Genoa, never to be used. Eaten by worms and rotted away. Great organs are kept free from the need of repairs by being kept constantly in use.

Our faith, our religion soon goes to pieces if we do not exercise ourselves in them.

Faithful service and true blue steadfastness keeps the Church of Christ healthy and vigorous.

You who belong to the kKnights of the Blue Cord, who add beauty and strength to the Church, rejoice. Your very faithfulness to the things of God is enlarging your personalities and strengthening your characters. The King speaks unto you,"Well done, good and faithful servants, enter thou into the joy of your Lord. Well done, Knights of the Blue Cord."

III. The Crimson Thread. Traced all the way thru this Book from cover to cover.

1. The story of David and his mighty men.

David on the heights, the Phillistines below, and beyond Bethlehem and the well of refreshing cool water.

"Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this (drink the water); shall I drink of the blood of men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" And David poured out the water as a sacrificial offering unto God.

Just water, but to David it was blood, sacrificial blood. Everything is blood-stained, everything is crimson.

Our very safety and liberty are crimson red. Motherhood is crimson. Life itself is blood red.

The pink glow all over San Francisco Bay and Sausalito.

Everything challenges us to heroism. Everything is crimson. Everything is sacramental. Everything is to be poured out, given to God.

The heroic is not easy. It takes all the courage and enegry and sacrifice of our lives, to become a Hero of the Crimson Thread.

A great Cause often makes a man great, calling out all the heroic within him.

I see a great Cause-